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THE OREGON CHRISTIAN

Howdy, Folks! We come to you this month as a new publication. It is a joint enterprise of the State Board, the Women's Organization, The Ninety and Nine Men, the Home at Beaverton, and Northwest Christian College. Perhaps other agencies of the state will later enter the lists.

The paper will endeavor to represent all the interests of our churches in the state. The first issue is an experiment and there will doubtless be imperfections found in it. We ask you to bear with them until we can weed them out. In this process you may have a part by making constructive suggestions from time to time.

The first issue is going in bundles to 116 churches. There are 24 who have never yet ordered the STATE MISSIONS BULLETIN; we hope that every one will want this paper. It is free, but we want to have the assurance that it will be distributed before going to the expense of mailing it. Send your order to the Editor for as many as you will distribute.

DISTRICT CONVENTION

The State Board will conduct a number of district conventions during the month of April. The programs are not yet ready for release, but the dates are herewith given. Please reserve them on your calendar.

S. W. District, April 16, Medford.

N. E. District, April 21, Portland, Central.

Willamette Dist., April 22, Salem First

So. Central District, April 23, Roseburg.

Mt. Hood Dist., April 29 (Place later)

E. O. Dist., April 30-May 1, Heppner.

Each church should attend the one nearest. More detailed information will be given next month.

"NEW TESTAMENT EVANGELISM"

This is the title of a new book by C. J. Sharp. It is veritable encyclopedia on the why and how of evangelism, ammunition for the campaign, and the care of new converts. It is written in the keen, analytical style that characterizes the author. It is published by the Standard Publishing Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, and sells for $1.25. Order from them.

NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Enrollment this year is the highest in the history of Northwest Christian College. 215 students have enrolled for the first and second terms. 125 of these are men and 90 are woman. Students have come from California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho. Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and Alaska.

Considerable interest has been manifested in the financial campaign of the college. In 1938 the college entered into an agreement to purchase the property in Eugene formerly owned by Eugene Bible University. This property went into private hands at the time of the financial failure of Eugene Bible University in 1930. Northwest Christian College agreed to pay $65,000 for the property, making payments annually on the purchase contract. Two payments were made, one in 1939 and the other in 1940. A payment of $8,000 was due on the campus property the first of February this year. Many churches and individuals have responded to the call to meet this payment. Very likely by the time this paper reaches you sufficient money will have come in to make the payment and keep current bills paid. The college administration expresses deep appreciation to the many friends for their generous and loyal support. The Alumni Association of the college has had a generous share in raising money. The college students raised $1,000 during the Christmas holidays. Rallies in the interest of the college were held in Eugene, Portland, Tacoma, Spokane, Walla Walla, Boise, and Twin Falls. Guest speakers for these rallies were: Dr. Victor P. Morris, Dr. Warren J. Hastings, Guy L. Drill. Orval D. Peterson, Dr. S. Earl Childers, and J. Merle Applegate.

On Wednesday, February 5, students and faculty of the college observed a day of prayer in behalf of the college. Services of thanksgiving and petition were held each 15 minutes throughout the day, beginning at 8 o'clock in the morning and closing with an all school prayer meeting at 5 o'clock in the evening. This was a high day, spiritually speaking, for all connected with it.

Prof. Lorance Dossett, Voice Instructor of Northwest Christian College, assisted in the Preaching Mission held at Pendleton March 4-7. K. E. Burke.

THE NINETY AND NINE

Evangelist B. Ross Evans has just completed a three weeks trip, directed and paid for by the Ninety and Nine Men, during which he travelled 1,600 miles and spoke to more than 1,300 men and women in the interest of men's work. He spoke at The Dalles, Amity, Tillamook, North Bend, Coquille, Marshfield, Ashland, Roseburg, Forest Grove, Vernonia, Hillsboro, No. Plains, Beaverton, Eugene, Northwest Christian College, and Molalla.

Evangelistic plans for the balance of this year include further underwriting for Brother Evans' time for meetings at Nyssa and at Mollalla, as well as at other needy points. It is also desired that he attend at least one day at the Boys' Camp at Turner and the State Convention. The church at Nyssa is newly organized through the ministry of J. S. Beem and the men of South Idaho, assisted by Brother Evans through the State Board. They are looking forward to a new building. Our help in this summer's campaign is needed. Oregon City men have agreed to join with the Ninety and Nine in supporting a student minister at Molalla.

The Ninety and Nine have already sent out to local church men's groups 1,400 New Testaments, and an order for 400 more has gone to the American Bible Society. The distribution of these can be a power for good in personal evangelism. Cleve Hudson, Evangelistic Chairman, recommends the marking of these little books before they are given away so the reader may be guided to the plan of salvation and the Christian life. Orders should be sent to K. I. Dixon, 4621 S. E. 71st Ave., Portland, and accompanied by a remittance of 5c each plus postage at the rate of 40c per hundred. This price includes presentation stickers and folders on "Where to look in the Bible."

Chas. H. Addleman, of the Kern Park Church, was delegated by the State Officers to represent them at Hermiston where Cecil Warner is pastor, and a group of 49 men were organized as a Ninety and Nine group. With the coming of the U. S. Army Ammunition Base to this section will also come opportunities for a man's job of evangelizing. —Ray C. Smith

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NOTICE TO READERS

During the life of THE STATE MISSIONS BULLETIN there grew up a large list to whom it was sent in a single wrapper. With the increased labor attendant upon getting out THE OREGON CHRISTIAN it is desirable to cut down that list to a minimum. We have made a very careful and detailed analysis of the cost of the single list and find that the total cost of postage, materials, wrappings and folding, addressing, etc., amounts to about 45c per copy per year. A list of 100 means $45 per year for this item alone. After the first issue of this paper the single list will be discontinued except for exchanges, state workers, those who cannot get it from bundles, and a small group of incapacitated people and individuals who have made heavy contributions to the state work. If any outside this classification desire it sent single please send 50c per year to cover the cost on it. Send your order to the state office.

CALLED UP HIGHER

A. H. Dodd, Falls City, died January 21. He was one of our retired ministers, and was most largely responsible for the Falls City Church. His heart was in the Lord's work, and last summer he made a substantial contribution to our Permanent fund. His widow and several children survive him.

Geo. W. Moore, Newberg, slipped quietly away in the early hours of February 11. It was only a few days before that we had been with him at a merry dinner party. He had been of substantial help to the churches at Forest Grove, Newport, Klamath Falls and Newberg. His widow survives him.

THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The International Convention will be held this year in St. Louis, May 1-7. The local committee has set a goal of 10,000 paid registrations. Oregon should, and will, furnish some of these. We hope many can go.

MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Kenneth Hendricks, President
Mrs. E. F. Leake, General Secretary

The Missionary Organizations of Oregon have undertaken to raise a special fund of $500, over and above the regular general budget, for evangelistic work in China under the direction of James McCallum. Already the response to this appeal has been heartening. Offerings totalling $320.25 had been received up to the time of the Convocation, and the March quarterly reports will bring in word of numerous other offerings. Following is the list of contributions so far: Kern Park, $26.45; Englewood, $5.00 Mallory Ave., 4.43; Hood River First, $17.07; St. Johns, $8.65; Hood River Valley, $5.00; McMinnville, $2.51; Salem First and Court St. Guilds, $9.30; Silverton, $1.82; Astoria, $8.45; Hillsboro, $21.68; Tillamook, $26.00; Vernonia, $10.00; La Grande, $5.66; Heppner, $8.50; Klamath Falls, $12.37; Ashland, $6.15; Medford, $28.10; Yoncalla, No. Bend, Roseburg, and Drain (joint meeting), $10.00; Bend, $6.60; Eugene, $27.36; Roseburg, $10.00; Brownsville, $10.60; Portland Central, $9.65; Falls City, $1.80; Harrisburg, $5.00; Corvallis, $14.50; Individual gift, $15.00; Jefferson, $2.50. These will count on the year's goal.

HONOR ROLL

The Turner Convention is less than four months off. A check-up now may enable your group to make the State Honor Roll. The requirements are:

1. Meet financial aims.
2. Have definite program of missionary education in youth, or children's work, in your church.
3. Entertain a society of another church, or your church, during year.
4. At least 25 percent of membership observing regular devotions as a habit.
5. Offering to James McCullum evangelistic work in China.

OREGON STATE BOOK CLUB

The women's groups in Oregon have this year adopted the State Book Club plan found to be quite effective in other states in encouraging reading and study. The requirements for membership include: the reading of World Call, the gospels, and four books from a selected reading list which covers the following areas: spiritual life, stewardship, China and Migrant study, missionary education, Christian family, and social issues. Mrs. Gertrude Mossberger, State Librarian and Vice President, is in charge of it.

WORLD CALL

Oregon has 991 subscribers to World Call according to Mrs. Phila Murphy. The goal for the year is 1,050. A gain of 126 was made last year. To be on the National World Call Honor Roll a church must have at least 20 subscriptions. World Call has a new high record of 35,500 subscribers.

REPORTS

The Adult Missionary Organizations of Oregon (W.M.S. and Councils) showed a membership for the first six months of the year of 2,397, and an average attendance of 1,525; offerings, $3,880.34; books read, 8,452. Ashland society, with a membership of 10, reported 1,590 Bible chapters read for one quarter. Societies reading over 300 books are as follows: Portland First, 771; Kern Park, 333; Dallas, 361; Falls City, 465; McMinnville, 733; Salem, 571; Tillamook, 387; Albany, 722; Eugene, 558; Medford, 522.

NEW GROUPS

Dallas reports a new Junior Society; Christian Endeavorers having missionary meetings once a month; and a new Young Matrons group. Corvallis combined their big evening Business Women's group with the W.M.S. into a Council with Mrs. Olive Warren as leader. Hermiston women have set up the Council plan. A new society at Beaverton. —Mrs. E. F. Leake.

N. C. C. NEWS

A downtown mission came into being in Eugene the week of February 16. This was a special project of the Preacher's Association of the College and the First Church in Eugene. Services were conducted each night at the mission. To date many men have been reached who would not otherwise have been in any religious service. College men canvass the streets just before the service, inviting men to attend.

In keeping with the spirit and activity of the National Preaching Mission the students of the College had a preaching mission on the campus February 18-20. Preachers were selected from the student body by the Preacher's Association. Speakers were Harry Baird, Harold Scott, Liston Parrish, Bill Thompson, Jim Whitaker, and Burton Thurston.

Plans for Easter meetings are of concern to students and faculty just now. Every student who can preach, lead singing, sing, or help, is planning to share in an evangelistic effort some place during Easter week. Last year at the Easter season 250 were added to the church where students and faculty served, 175 of the 250 were confessions of faith.

Northwest Christian College Male Quartet is now visiting churches of the state in company with the College President, K. E. Burke. Tentative schedules call for them to sing every Sunday until commencement time. —K. E. Burke.

NOTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN HOME

Northwestern Christian Home is glad to be one of the agencies of the church sharing in the publication of THE OREGON CHRISTIAN. Each month we will plan to have some items of news and information about this ministry that will be of interest to readers. Many who read this have already visited the Home and know something of its work. For those who are not so well acquainted this month carries some statements of introduction about the Home and its work.

Northwestern Christian Home is maintained by the church. It is immediately under the board of supervisors elected by the state conventions of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. The Oregon members elected by the convention at Turner are: Mr. A. H. Averill, Mrs. Guy V. Ferguson, Mr. L. H. Fishburn, Mr. Clifford Holland, Mr. G. W. Overstreet, Mrs. Mary E. Parker, Mrs. A. F. Poley, Mr. D. E. Reed, Portland; Mrs. W. F. Hankel, Hillsboro; Mr. Geo. G. Martin, Gladstone; Mr. Geo. Hofsess, Eugene; Mr. M. H. Rice, Milton; and Mr. Rufus Wood, Oregon City.

Northwestern Christian Home is one of the dozen homes, six for children and six for aged, cooperating in the National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church. The area which it serves, and from which it must receive its support, is Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana. In these four states are 289 congregations of which 181 made some cash contribution to the maintenance of the home last year.

Northwestern Christian Home is for members of the church, accepting ministers and others on the same basis. Nine men and twenty women compose the present family. They have lived a total of more than 2500 years. All of them are members of the church. They have outlived their families and resources to such an extent that they need, and are now receiving, this ministry of the church.

Active years are past; but members of the Home family still enjoy the fellowship of the church and are interested in its work. Those who are able attend church on Sunday, and each Sunday afternoon there is a service in the Home conducted by a nearby minister.

The largest source of support is the Christmas offering which, since 1925, has been promoted for benevolence. The flu epidemic cut seriously into the offering of many churches in our area this year. The result is a serious financial problem for the Home which will make necessary increased effort for contributions from other sources.

Northwestern Christian Home has occupied its present location a little less than two years since moving from Walla Walla and Eugene to Beaverton. There is much to be done in making a house a home. While other and more pressing things have been done the landscaping has waited. Now, a special gift of $200 has been received for this work. It will provide some needed material and work with a team. Several groups of "99" men are planning volunteer work on Saturdays and we hope to make some real improvement on the appearance of the grounds this spring.

—Walter L. Myers.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

"The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His hervest."

The Lord of the harvest still needs laborers. How many has He at work in your community? Are you finding, and preparing, skilled adult leaders in your church? Are they as effective as they might be in reaching the many boys and girls, and men and women, who have not yet found Christ? Are they so inspiring and guiding those whom they do reach that they are becoming active laborers in the harvest?

Your State Committee on Education aims to help you to send forth more skilled laborers into the Lord's harvestfield which lies next to you. The Adult Conference to be held in connection with the Turner Convention this year should prove a great help to your active and potential leaders, if you see that they are there. Children's work, youth, and adult committees are being formed to help further such efforts. The work that Brother Swander and Goldia Ferguson have been doing in the local churches is just a beginning of the help you may receive. We can extend these services with increased offerings for educational work. Youth Conferences, Service Camps, Fellowship Meets, and the Youth Convention help to prepare the young people as laborers for Christ. Are you using to the fullest these knowledges and skills that they have thus gained?

We want to be of all the help possible and will be glad to have your suggestions for making the State Educational Work as far reaching and helpful as possible. —Mary C. Harding, Chairman State Educational Committee.

ONE TASK CUT OUT FOR US

Theoretically we have independence of Church and State. But developments in the National Defense Program within the past few months have forced upon our attention a task imposed upon the churches which cannot be ignored. I refer to the Christian training and guidance of our young men.

Every young man now 21 years of age is facing, or has already faced, the issue—What shall my personal attitude be in this matter of war? His answer will depend very largely upon the nature of his Christian convictions. The careless, non-critical attitude of many makes us realize that the organized programs of our churches during the last decade have failed to influence the motives and value-judgments of a large percent of our youth.

But what of the present and future? We know that approximately 1,225,000 young men will reach the draft age each year and that all eligible ones, not claiming exemption, will be inducted into military training. There they will be cut off from the home influences and religious contacts except for the chaplain (one to each 1,200 men) and such associations as they themselves make when on leave from the army post. Unless the habit and deep desire for its development has been previously acquired, the feeding of the spirit is bound to be entirely neglected. What the church does to establish the Christian ways of life in these boys must be done before they go to camp at 21, or possibly at 18. The dynamic quality of that training must be so potent that it will form spiritual resources within each, which are able to withstand the ravages of training for mass destruction, and the doctrine of vengeance against an enemy instead of sacrifice for his salvation. We must begin now and do our work thoroughly or militarism will unman the churches and destroy the spirit of missionary enterprise.

—A. B. Cromwell.

LARRY STEPHENS

Born to Dean and Iris Stephens on January 19, 1941, at Eugene. "He cries only when hungry," says Grandpa Stephens. Congratulations, Dean and Iris.

LEBANON: The house has been redecorated, floors refinished, new carpets and drapes purchased, and a new heating system for the baptistry installed. Laurence Bixler, pastor.

MILWAUKIE: Mary Harding conducts a Sunday School in her home. Other churches have been established by women (See Acts of the Apostles) and why not in Oregon!

MEN'S DAY AT TURNER

Ninety-Niners and other men will have their day at the State Convention at Turner on Saturday, June 28, and on Lord's Day, June 29. The afternoon program on Saturday, the banquet Saturday night, and the Men's Bible Class on Sunday, will be in their hands. The complete program has not been prepared, but the features will include special music by the Tan-Ditters, an address by B. Ross Evans, a baseball game, a symposium on men's work, a banquet for 250 men, a men's chorus of 250 voices, and a great men's Bible Class on Sunday morning. They will also sponsor a convention band, or large orchestra, under the leadership of Bill Schamp.

BOYS' WORK

Father and son meetings have been reported at Kern Park, with 100; Corbett, 70; Englewood, 35; St. Johns, 50; Mallory Ave., 50; Gladstone, Sellwood, and Multnomah. Others have no doubt been held but not reported. The State Boys' Work chairman has attended most of these and announced the annual boys' camp, and Dean Howard Cole was speaker at two of them. Northwest District will observe "Father and Son Night" at the rally to be held March 24 in Central Church, Portland, at which time the Boys' Camp crew, consisting of Howard Cole, Gene Robinson, Vern Kullowatz, Bert Thurston, Jess Johnson, and Fred Towne, will conduct the program.

Plans for the seventh annual Ninety and Nine Boys' Camp, to be held at Turner, August 3-10, are getting well under way under the direction of Lloyd Arnett, Chairman. Howard Cole is Dean, and Gene Robinson, Director. A goal of at least 100 boys has been set for the Turner camp. Howard and Gene have just made a trip to Coos Bay and Southern Oregon where Father and Son meetings were held and arrangements were made for a similar camp at Fir Point, August 10-17, for boys of the southern part of the state. These camps have produced real results in character building, and last year there were 9 conversions. A $5.00 investment in YOUR boy, or a boy in your community may determine the eternal destiny of many souls. Further information may be obtained from your district officers, or from L. L. Arnett, 6729 S. E. Mall St., Portland.

The Oregon Ninety and Nine men's movement is receiving nation-wide attention as attested by inquiries and correspondence from Montana, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Tennessee, and other places. We have a challenging program out here in the "wild west," and by our fruits shall they know us. Let us then be up and doing, and not be merely hearing and saying. As men in churches of Christ in Oregon, let us take up our cross, if need be, and be His witnesses unto all the nations.

NINETY AND NINE STATE OFFICERS

President, Ray Smith, 6910 S. E. Mall St., Portland; Vice President, Walter Crank, 25 Portland Ave., Medford; Secretary-Treasurer, Edwin DeWees, 9022 No. Mohawk, Portland; Evangelism, Cleve Hudson, 705 S. E. Grand Ave., Portland; Boys' Work, L. L. Arnett, 6729 S. E. Mall St., Portland; Publicity, Claire Martin, 1324 S. E. Sherrett, Portland; Literature, K. I. Dixon, 4621 S. E. 71st Avenue, Portland; Evangelist, B. Ross Evans, Rt. 3, Hood River.

DISTRICT OFFICERS

N. W. District, Dr. C. R. Beatty, 4936A S. E. Foster Road, Portland; Willamette, District, Del J. Tripp (acting), 1547 Market Place, Salem; Coos Bay District, B. D. Nevall, 597 So. 6th St., Marshfield; Southern District, Walter Crank, 25 Portland Ave., Medford; Mid-Columbia District, Albert Owens, The Dalles; McKenzie District, Victor Hershiser, 755 Willamette St., Eugene; Yamhill District, Arthur Parrish, Newberg.

Victor Hershiser and Willett Jessee have been named President and Secretary of the new district comprising Lane County and adjacent territory. A name for the district has not been chosen but it will be done soon. Preaching students of Northwest Christian College have recently opened a downtown mission, and the men of Fairmount Church purchased 100 testaments to be distributed in the work. Nice going, Fellows! May the Lord bless you!

The State President attended a meeting at The Dalles in January when a temporary organization of the Mid-Columbia district was made with Albert Owens, President. There were 45 representatives from The Dalles, Dufur, and Centerville, Washington, present and much interest was shown in the movement. The first district rally will be held at Hood River where Brother Leake is pastor, on Tuesday, March 11. The local men's group at The Dalles have elected "Pink" Owens as President, Mr. Greiser as Vice President, and Chas. C. Duvall as Secretary-Treasurer.

Ray C. Smith.

PORTLAND CENTRAL: The annual meeting showed advance in every department. 100 added during 1940. A budget of $12,600 accepted for 1941. J. Claude Neely, pastor.

DAYTON: A basement is being put under the church. Attendance is increasing. Geo. H. Hatch, pastor.

STATE OFFERINGS

To February 25, 1941

CHURCHES: Carlton, $12.50; Fall City, $5.00; Kern Park, $11.95; McMinnville, $27.86; Ontario, $2.50; Portland First, $100.00; Roseburg, $5.84; Salem First, $20.85; Vernonia, $6.00; Gladstone, $3.80.

SCHOOLS: Canby, $5.70; Hillsboro, $24.16; Nyssa, $4.00; Ontario, $1.00; Portland First, $75.00; Woodburn, $5.50.

INDIVIDUALS: Mrs. D. E. Reed, $5.00; Dr. E. C. Macey; E. J. Gilstrap, $5.00.

PERMANENT FUND: Interest earnings, $34.26; Notes, $41.50.

The increase in offerings is still holding good. There are yet only four months to meet the budget for the year. We do not have half of it yet. If your church has not yet sent an offering do so now. If you have money in the treasury for this ministry please send it now. It will make us feel better to have it, and you will feel better for sending it.

CHURCH NEWS

AMITY: 5 added February 2. W. F. Morse, pastor.

ONTARIO: 1 baptized in January. Mrs. J. S. Beem, pastor.

WASCO: 1 added by statement February 2. F. Claude Stephens, pastor.

THE DALLES: 3 baptisms, 3 by statement since January 1. J. Frank Cunningham, pastor.

BEND: 1 baptism and 2 added otherwise recently. Building plans are fast taking shape. Holly Jarvis, pastor.

ENTERPRISE: 41 added to the church in 1940; giving increased by $821.00. E. E. Callahan, pastor.

ST. JOHNS: 19 added in the meeting by J. Frank Cunningham in January. Wilbur Torgerson, pastor.

FALLS CITY: B. Ross Evans held a meeting in February. 1 confession and 5 reconsecrations during first ten days. Gene Chamberlain, pastor.

WALLOWA: 3 added recently. New song books purchased, the debt paid in full, and a raise in salary are some of the achievements. Arvil O. Hurt, pastor.

BROWNSVILLE: A new baptistry will be dedicated on Easter Sunday. The "Eight Weeks With God" campaign is to begin March 30. Gene Robinson, pastor.

NYSSA: 1 baptized in January. Two-thirds of the membership are daily Bible readers, and every member of the Board engages in public prayer. J. S. Beem, pastor.